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R 171445Z FEB 78
FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6707
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDIJAN
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
AMCONSUL CAPETOWN

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E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: AFDB, EAID, MZ
SUBJECT: US VOTE ON AFDB LOAN TO MOZAMBIQUE

REF: (A) STATE 034216 (NOTAL) (B) ABIDJAN 1507 (NOTAL)
(C) MAPUTO 143 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR AND DCM MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
CHISSANO FEBRUARY 15 TO REVIEW STATUS OF US- MOZAMBIQUE
BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH RESPECT TO AID AND INVESTMENT.
SHAFURDINE KHAN, HEAD OF AMERICAS AND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT
IN FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS PRESENT. IN COUSRE REVIEW
AMBASSADOR INFORMED CHISSANO THAT ON FEBRUARY 10 THE US
HAD VOTED AGAINST AN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK LOAN TO
MOZAMBIQUE TO FUND AN IRRIGATION STUDY AND EXPLAINED
REASON FOR OUR VOTE.

2. NEWS OF US NEGATIVE VOTE CAME AS SURPRISE TO CHISSANO,
WHO APPARENTLY WAS NOT AWARE OF PRESIDENT CARTERS
LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN LONG, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED
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THAT HE KNEW THERE WAS STRONG CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION
TO AID TO MOZAMBIQUE.

3. IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT THE EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO GET
TO CHISSANO AND EXPLAIN US VOTE BEFORE HE (AND PERHAPS
OTHERS IN GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING MACHEL) LEARNED ABOUT
IT FROM OTHER SOURCES. AT LEAST AMBASSADOR HAD OPPORTUNITY

TO CUSHION THE "BLOW" BY MAKING REFTEL A TALKING
POINTS, I.B...

-THAT US VOTE STEMS FROM CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION
OF LST YEAR AND DOES NOT REPRESENT NEW USG POLICY
DECISION.

-THAT USG IS SEEKING TO HAVE CONGRESS LIFT RESTRICTION
ON AID TO MOZAMBIAUE AND

-CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL PROSCRIPTIONS DO NOT
APPLY TO FOOD AID AND THAT USG IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITY
OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FOOD AID TO MOZAMBIQUE. FACT
THAT THE AFDB LOAN TO MOZAMBIQUE WAS APPROVED IN SPITE
OF USG NEGATIVE VOTE OBVIOUSLY ALSO HELPED.

4. AS OF FEBRUARY 17 NO REFERENCE TO AFDB ACTION OR TO
US NEGATIVE VOTE HAD AS YET APPEARED IN MOZAMBIQUE MEDIA.
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